

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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**UNIQUE SITE NO.**

**QUAD  
 SERIES  
 NEG. NO.**

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. **BUILDING NAME(S):**
- 2. **COUNTY:** Steuben **TOWN/CITY:** Corning **VILLAGE:**
- 3. **STREET LOCATION:** 213-215 Walnut Street
- 4. **OWNERSHIP:** a. public  b. private
- 5. **PRESENT OWNER:** Gregory A. Velie **ADDRESS:** 195 Dodge Ave., Corning
- 6. **USE:** Original: Multi-Family Residence Present: Multi-Family Residence
- 7. **ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:** Exterior visible from public road Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Yes  No  Explain: Private Residence

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. **BUILDING MATERIAL:** a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick   
 d. board & batten  e. cobblestone   
 f. shingles  g. stucco  other: Asbestos Siding
- 9. **STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:** a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain)  
 e. other
- 10. **CONDITION:** a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- 11. **INTEGRITY:** a. original site  b. moved  if so, when?  
 c. list major alterations and dates (if known): See Cont. Sheet
- 12. **PHOTO:** 13. **MAP:**

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known[] b. zoning[ ] c. roads[ ]  
d. developers[ ] e. deterioration[ ]  
f. other:
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
a. barn[ ] b. carriage house[ ]  
c. garage[ ] d. privy[ ]  
e. shed[] f. greenhouse[ ]  
g. shop[ ] h. gardens[ ]  
i. landscape features j. other:
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING: (Check more than one if necessary)  
a. open land[ ] b. woodland[ ]  
c. scattered buildings[ ]  
d. densely built-up[] e. commercial[ ]  
f. industrial[ ] g. residential[ ]  
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

See Continuation Sheet

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:  
(Including interior features if known):

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1895

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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#### 11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

There have been no major alterations made to the exterior of this house. A rear porch was added ca. 1905; the porch on 213 was later enclosed, but the 215 porch was demolished, both these dates are unknown. The balustrade of the front porch and the siding was changed from its original clapboard to asbestos, these dates are also unknown.

#### 17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located on the west side of Walnut Street facing east, this is one in a series of late nineteenth-century homes similar in scale and setback located on this block. This house differs slightly in that it is a two-family house, and was originally built for this purpose. This house is located on the corner of Walnut Street and the alley that runs through the block.

#### 18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half story house is designed in the Queen Anne Style of architecture. In their book, A Field Guide to American Houses, the McAlester's would refer to this house as a "Free Classic" example of the style. Features typical of the Queen Anne style which are exhibited in this house include the steeply pitched hipped roof and lower front gables, and symmetrical primary facade.

This house is finished with asbestos siding, not original to the house. There are bay windows on the first story of each gable front and a full-width, one-story porch. This porch is supported by stylized column-like posts, the balustrade has been enclosed in and a pedimented entryway. On the second story of the house there is a recessed porch located between the lower cross gables, which has turned posts. There are small gable top windows in each gable top and a dormer on the hipped roof; both of these have Queen Anne sash windows. There are two chimneys on either side (north and south) of the structure.

This house sits on a partially raised basement which is made of rough-cut bedstone.

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## 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is built on the northern half of Lot #16 of Block 75 as laid out in the Brewer and Canfield Map of Corning. This property was originally owned by Sarah Miles, whose home was on the southern half of this lot. By 1900 this lot had been divided; this half was sold to Frank Hausener and Herbert Hemingway, who were partners in a local law firm. At this time, Hemingway and Hausener built this home as a multi-family residence for their families. By 1909, their law partnership had split. In 1913, 213 Walnut was sold to Anna Branch, a widow and 215 Walnut was sold to Robert Canfield, a mechanical engineer. By the year 1915, Clement Nitsche, a glass engraver had purchased 213 Walnut; there were various owners of 215 Walnut until 1950 when Clement Nitsche purchased this half of the house as well. Nitsche continued to reside in this house until his death in 1980.

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